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Term 4—Week 7

P & C meet 2nd Monday of each month, 7.30pm

Thursday, 3 December 2009

TERM CALENDAR:

DECEMBER

- **Monday 7 December—Helpers' Morning Tea—10.45 school hall**
- **Monday 7 December—P&C Meeting 7.30**
- **Monday 7 December—Guitar Group performance for parents in AV room 1.30pm**
- **Wednesday 9 December—Canteen meeting—9.00am**
- **Tuesday 8 December—Breast Cancer Christmas Shopping Night—6.30pm school hall**
- **Tuesday 8 December—Canteen Red Day**
- **Wednesday 9 December—K-2 Picnic Day**
- **Wednesday 9 December—Year 6 Farewell**
- **Monday 14 December—6.00-9.00pm—KPS Presentation Night at Kincumber High School**
- **Tuesday 15 December—Stage 2 Movie Day**
- **Wednesday 16 December—last day of school for students**

JANUARY 2010

- **Wednesday 27 January—Staff return to school**
- **Wednesday 27 January—Uniform Shop open 9am—11am**
- **Thursday 28 January—Years 1 to 6 return to school**
- **Wednesday 3 February—Kindergarten start school**



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

This week:

- **2010 Class placements**
- **School Development Days**
- **Sun Safety**

Class Placements

All class placements at Kincumber Public School are made taking into account such factors as:

- Number of students
- Gender balance
- Requests by parents or teachers for placement in a certain class
- The placement of students with special needs
- Friendship groups

While this list is not intended to be exhaustive, other factors may be considered by school executive when placing students into classes. School staff are currently planning classes for 2010. By the end of the year we should have tentatively placed all children in classes, allocated staff and identified classrooms. I hope to be able to provide you with that information by Monday 14 December. Whenever possible and practicable, and where a student may benefit from a move, a child may change classes at the request of a parent or school executive. The move should not compromise school organisation nor disadvantage other students. Most class moves will take place at the beginning of the school year when numbers are likely to change. After class numbers are finalised we would anticipate few moves. All requests from parents should be directed to the Principal in writing.

School Development Days

Students have their last day of school on 16 December. On 17 & 18 December school staff will participate in professional learning activities focussed on writing, OHS, child protection, technology and CPR. Both days are pupil free days for school staff. Parents requiring care for their children on these two days, and in the following week up until 23 December, should register with our OOSH service as soon as possible to ensure supervision. Telephone: **0405 370 023** for registration between 7.00am and 6.00pm Monday to Friday or visit the website at: www.sydney.ymca.org.au/gosford.

Sun Safety

Children are at school five days out of seven during periods of high UV radiation. For this reason we require children to wear a broad brimmed or legionnaires style hat. The Cancer Council recommends that students take responsibility for their own sun protection including wearing sunscreen. Parents can support the school's sun protection strategies by ensuring that their children have an appropriate hat; applying sunscreen before coming to school and carrying their own personal sunscreen for use at school. Students may also wear sunglasses in the playground. Children without a hat must play in the shade (the COLA for primary students). Students who repeatedly avoid sport or PE because they don't bring a hat will be dealt with under the school's discipline policy. Please help us to meet our legal responsibilities in our duty of care.

Hope you had a great week at our great school.

Trish Peters, Principal

Students of Week 6 Term 4 2009

KP Ben Stokes
KM Amity Bright
KLH Cameron Troth
1R Leah Green

1G Connor Marsden
1D Drew Wicks
1/2C Ollie Butcher
1S Chloe Casey
1K Cooper Orbell

2A Jordan Duncan
2N Emily Hughes
2J Shayde Savin
2H Tasha Lindahl
3E Kyle Bate

3G Kayla Wetzler
3M Sasha Dubrovsky
3T Shivonne Blair
3J Haylea Clark
3W/L Kyra Sumner

CLASS ITEM BY 3WL

We were amazed when the light bulb lit up as we wired all the electrical materials together. Once we did it the first time we wanted to make the bulb brighter by adding more batteries. **Ryan M, Zoe, Nathan.**

The last few weeks we have been watching an experiment on mung beans. Ours was the one (out of the whole class) that started to sprout. We put in small pinches of salt, some cotton wool and mung beans into a plastic cup.

Jordia, Ryan C.

During the time we were growing mung beans (which we called Bunyip, Penguin and Mr Randomo) we had a lot of fun and learnt that mung beans can grow in a little bit of salt, we also learnt that science can smell. **Dylan and Lauren.**

Our favourite part was watching and seeing the difference each week. Also seeing the difference in the PH levels.

Britt and Jesse

The Mung Bean Project was exciting but they were smelly. We watered them every lesson and we looked after them. After a while they sprung white dots. **Lana, Nat, Luca.**

In 3WL we have been testing the growth of mung beans in amounts of salty water. We have found out that they do not cope well in salt water. And will not grow. **Kyra and Luke.**

For three weeks, in three cups we had mung beans growing in different levels of salt, we were comparing it to the plantation near the Murray Darling. In the end none had grown.

Abby, Lachlan, Brendan

The experiments were very interesting and attracted bugs and bad smells. **Simone, Steve, Joshua**

KINDY START 2009

What a brilliant start to 2010 Kindergarten with a wonderful last Kindy Start session and morning tea on the Kinder balcony. Children and families will begin the year feeling confident and already familiar with school routines. Thank you to Peta Fell, the kinder families and the Kindy team for supporting our children. **Mary Liddy—ES1 AP**

CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

The Christmas tree is now up and looking fantastic in the school foyer. Donations of non-perishable food, toiletries, gifts, books, games etc. suitable for men, women and children are being sought for local needy families. Please ensure that food is not past the "use by" date and consider donating something that you would like on your Christmas table. Kincumber families have always been very generous when asked to assist with this appeal and we look forward to continuing the tradition with your help. This year all donations will go to a refuge in Gosford.

Santa will be visiting the K-2 class rooms on Monday 14 December. Children may wish to hand their gift/grocery item directly to him

FETE THANK YOUS

The P & C would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous donation to our school Fete:

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Please support the businesses who support our school.



OUR CHRISTMAS TREE

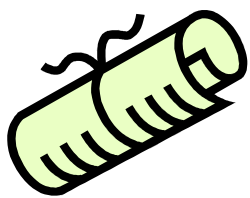
On Tuesday last week we went to Erina Fair to decorate our Community Christmas Tree. Our class and 3 stage 3 girls helped make our decorations. Voting is by gold coin and proceeds go to "Give me Five for Kids".

Amber Kelly and Zac Bissett 1/2C



METROPOLITAN NORTH WATER POLO GALA DAY

On 23 November, **Libby Jones, Lana Queripel, Rosie Soundy and Nikki and Becky Sillato** travelled down to Sutherland to participate in a Metropolitan North Water Polo Gala Day. There were 2 girl teams and 2 boys' teams in Sydney North. Luckily the 5 of us were all in the same team. We made up half of our team and a quarter of all the girls in Sydney North. We played 4 games which were all just for fun. In our first game we lost by only a few points. The second game was better as we won by quite a bit. The third game was very close but it turned out as another loss. And again we won the last game. Sutherland Pool was lots of fun although the weather was cold. Luckily the pool was warm. And remember, if you want to have more fun, don't swim solo play water polo.



GOLD CERTIFICATES 2009

The following students have all received gold certificates—**CONGRATULATIONS!**

2N: Isobel Cowie, Joel Vella, Maddison William-Eagles. **2J:** Madison Osborn, Amber Calder, Phoebe Wheeler, Emilie Piltz, Erin Judd, Hayley Sim, Tiffney Murdoch. **3M:** Blake Auinger, Bonnie Carde, Jasmine Carter, Jessie Chesworth, Ryan Craig, Jack Dalziel, Gareth Kent, Joanne Roberts, Courtney Wheeler, Brendan Witt, Hannah Araula, Monique Bringolf, Jake Charlton, Alexis Clark, Sasha Dubrovsky, Sarah Hodgson, Matt O'Grady, Matilda Shanks, Kody Smith, Ashliegh Valentine. **1/2C:** Hannah Folkes, Dylan Richardson. **2H:** Bryce Bush, Dylan Booth, Bilal Belkadi. **2A:** Georgia Grassby, Neil Roberts, Murray Southall, Anna Corby. **1K:** Juliet Williams, Kye Birmingham, Jaycob Matterson, Cooper Orbell, Jackson Saunders. **1G:** Mikayla Convery, Jade Crowther, Phoebe Dubrovsky, Caitlin Fuchs, Sienna Hamilton-Lotze, Georgia Kent, Isabella Matthews, Sophia Ramsden, Katie Walker, Jai Angelo, Kaya Ardita, Damien Chapman, Zaccaria Chivers, Joshua Hodgson, Casey Jones, Jordan Mahler, Connor Marsden, Brodie McGregor, Jai Menser, Michael Savin. **1R:** William Melville, Ethan Long. **1D:** Holly Yeung, Casey Nugent. **1/2C:** Courtney Craig, Jack Day, Samantha Dunn, Amylee Lubke. **1S:** Caolan O'Dwyer, Jesse Peters, Zali Montgomery, Rylie Lewis, Jai Vergou, Dominick Edwards, Taylor Crowther, Jamal Belkadi, Elias Williams.



GOSFORD CITY COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AWARDS

Congratulations to students from 2A for their fantastic performance "Walking on the World" which won the Mayor's performance of the year. The students contributed to the script and song, directed by Mrs Dye. "Leaving Smaller Footprints" project winners were: **Year 5—1st Jesse Folkes, 2nd Jasmine Carter and Courtney Wheeler. Year 1—2nd Anya Tatarinoff. Kindergarten—3rd Lauren Griffiths.** By participating in the competition our school won many books as well as vouchers to be used for KPS to the value of \$620. Congratulations to all—we are proud of you.



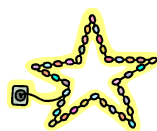
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DAY	HELPER
Monday 7 December	All good
Tuesday 8 December	All good
Wednesday 9 December	Help Needed
Thursday 10 December	Help Needed
Friday 11 December	All good

YMCA KINCUMBER OOSH

Now preparing for our very first vacation care and looking forward to providing fun, variety and care for your children. Information forms are available and can be collected from the school hall or front office. We are still taking donations of cardboard boxes, bottles, empty food containers for our junk construction day. 2010 enrolment forms are now available and we hope to provide our caring service to you in the coming year. If you have any enquiries please come and see Jenene, Lisa, Kate or Telina or phone Jenene on **0408 658 187**.



STARS OUT OF SCHOOL:

The following students competed in the State Relay Championships at Homebush Bay: **Jamal Belkadi, Bilal Belkadi, Georgia Lee, Daniel Titus, Ottie Clarke and Edan Clarke.** Ottie and Daniel came 1st in the 100m relay heat and 5th in the final. Edan won silver in the 4 x 400m relay. Well done to all.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Kincumber Uniting Church
Cnr. Avoca Drive & Killuna Rd, Kincumber
7.30pm Christmas Eve

We would like to invite you to Christmas Carols on **Christmas Eve** in the grounds of Kincumber Uniting Church. A live band will provide the music with wonderful Carol singers.
Please bring a chair or blanket and celebrate the gift of Christmas with us.

* **YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER—MONDAY FUN DAY!** *
* **Monday 7 December** *
* Students can wear mufti today while staff and teachers *
* can wear KPS school uniform! *
* **GOLD COIN DONATION PLEASE.** *

PLAYGROUND CHANGES

On Monday, 7 December, KPS will be trialling a new playground system. The goal is to integrate all students K-6 in a safe, structured and inclusive playground. An inclusive playground provides benefits in social structure, welfare and student transition from infants to primary. The change will provide improved supervision, peer leadership opportunities and increased structured activities, targeting active lifestyle. After the week long trial, staff will collaboratively assess the effectiveness and success of the proposed structure. This will result in a decision regarding permanent change for 2010. Trial feedback and goals for 2010 will be provided in upcoming school newsletters. We thank you for your support. **Playground Committee**

STUDENT BANKING

Student Banking will finish for the year on **Wednesday 9 December 2009**. A **BIG** thank you to **Sue McLean** our Banking Co-ordinator for your help throughout the year. It is very much appreciated by the KPS banking students and families.

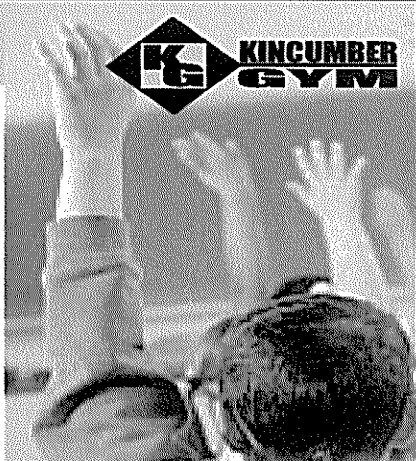
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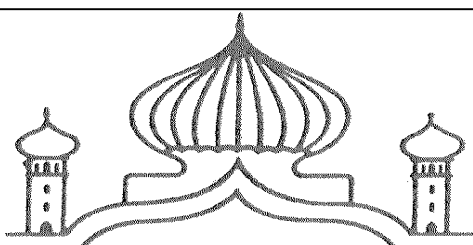
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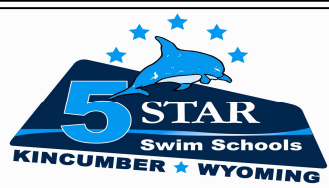
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